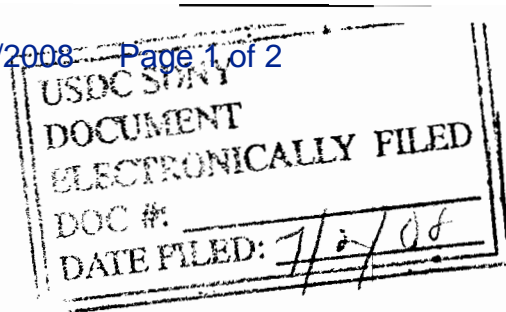


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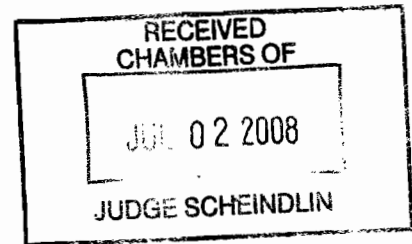
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**BY OVERNIGHT MAIL**

The Honorable Shira Scheindlin  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
Courtroom 15C  
New York, N.Y. 10007



*United States v. Pipolo, et al.*  
07 Cr 907 (SAS)

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

We write as counsel to Louis Pipolo, a defendant in the above matter, seeking a modification in the conditions of Mr. Pipolo's pre-trial release. As detailed below, the government does not object to the change.

On May 14, 2008, Mr. Pipolo entered a plea of guilty pursuant to a plea agreement; sentencing is scheduled on September 25, 2008. Mr. Pipolo remains at liberty pursuant to conditions that were set October 10, 2007, by Magistrate Judge Dolinger at the arraignment. Among other conditions required, Mr. Pipolo pledged his home and his interest in his restaurant as security on a \$1 million Personal Recognizance Bond ("PRB").

Mr. Pipolo is negotiating the sale of the restaurant. He cannot close on the sale, however, unless the pledge of his interest is released. We have asked the government its position on a request to release the pledge and Assistant United States Attorney Elie Honig informed me that the government will not object or request any additional surety.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the PRB be deemed modified such that it no longer need be secured by Mr. Pipolo's interest in his restaurant and the pledge thereof be ordered released.

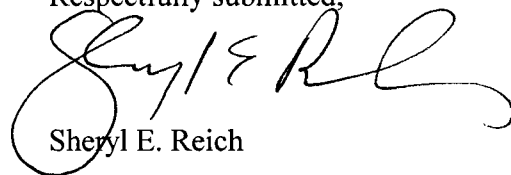
*The bail conditions are modified to eliminate any requirement that Mr. Pipolo's bail be secured by his interest in his restaurant. So Ordered. 7/2/08 [Signature]*

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. To effect the release we will obtain a satisfaction from the government.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheryl E. Reich", with a large, stylized initial "S" and "R".

Sheryl E. Reich

cc: Elie Honig, Esq.  
Assistant United States Attorney (e-mail)